

Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

August 10, 2007

Message from County Executive Walker

This week I shared my vision for the transit system in Milwaukee County and the region. The Milwaukee County Transit System faces many challenges in order to provide quality service at reasonable rates.

Take a look at the following link to my PowerPoint that includes my suggestions for a long-term funding source, a pilot Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) plan, where I would like to see BRT expand in the future, and the possibility for a Regional Transit Authority (RTA) to oversee transit operations in the region.

http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/display/displayFile.aspx?docid=7711&filename=/Groups/cntyExecutive/SMART_plusWeb.pdf

We need to provide transit services to those in our community who need it most, and look for new ways to accomplish this.

Scott



Walker Holds Budget Workshops



Walker gives an overview of the departments' requested budgets for 2008 to attendees at the Brown Deer Library (top photo) and meets with each table to discuss individual concerns.

County Executive Walker is hosting a series of budget workshops for community input on the 2008 Budget this month. An overview of the budget process and requests of county departments is followed by small group sessions to discuss ideas and areas of concern. One more workshop will be held on Monday, August 13 from 5:30pm – 7:00pm at Washington Park Senior Center at 4420 W. Vliet Street. He will present his proposed budget to the County Board on September 27 at the meeting of the full board.

Walker Visits Sykes' Show at State Fair



Walker joined Charlie Sykes at the Newsradio 620WTMJ booth at State Fair Park to discuss a wide range of topics.

Walker welcomes Ambassador to Czech Republic



County Executive Walker (pictured above with Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren CEO Jerome Janzer and Ambassador Rick Graber) welcomed the Ambassador to the Czech Republic at a special reception at the University Club. Ambassador Graber was a former CEO of the law firm, and gave remarks on the "Business and Political Update on Central Europe" to members of the firm, their clients, and Wisconsin executives who have businesses in Central Europe.

Downtown Rotary Transit Presentation



County Executive Walker presented his SMART (Suburban & Milwaukee Advanced Rapid Transit) Plan to members of the Downtown Rotary Club this week.

Walker Attends County Events

County Executive Walker attended the Wisconsin County Executives and Administrators Association (WCEA) meeting in Madison for discussion on the impact of the state budget on Milwaukee County; and will participate in the Greendale Village Days Parade this weekend.

Park Highlights

Make time for some of the great events hosted in the Milwaukee County Parks. Leahy's Luck will put on a concert at Jackson Park on Tuesday, August 14 at 6:30pm; the 13th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Back-to-School Festival will take place on Saturday, August 11 from 11:30am to 6pm at King Park; and Residents for Off-leash Milwaukee Parks (ROMP) are pleased to announce Paws in the Park at Grant Park to include the Cudahy Club All-Breed Dog Show Friday, August 10 through Sunday August 12. For more information visit milwaukeeedogparks.org.